

CATAWBA COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
ANNEX I
PUBLIC WORKS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this annex is to provide essential public works services during an emergency/disaster to reduce the impact of the emergency.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. In an emergency there is frequently a need for manpower and equipment to remove obstructions or debris from roads and at government facilities and for restitution of essential utilities.
2. The municipalities that have public works capabilities are discussed in the Basic Plan under Situations.

- B. Assumptions - Public works departments have a limited but immediate capability to provide emergency services for debris removal, restitution of essential utilities and shelter upgrading.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATION

- A. In non emergency periods, the role of public works is confined to trash collection, landfill operations, building, ground and street maintenance, water and sewage utility service and transportation and equipment operations and maintenance.
- B. During emergencies, the public works function expands and coordination of public works emergency operations is essential. Public works arranges for support services for emergency response agencies and coordinates with the private sector.
- C. The Catawba County Fleet/Facilities Maintenance Manager will serve in the Emergency Operations Center for the coordination of debris removal

at and restoration of county owned facilities. This position will also serve as a coordination point to assist municipal public works agencies in getting support resources for the recovery and restoration of city/town streets and facilities.

- D. Each municipality will serve its own community within the scope of the public works activities that are provided to the citizens. When their capabilities are exhausted the city can coordinate with other municipalities where there are existing mutual aid agreements or they can utilize the County Emergency Operation Center to assist in acquiring assistance.
- E. The State of North Carolina maintains roads within the county and will provide the function of debris clearance and removal on these maintained roads. Within the municipalities there is a mixture of state maintained roads and city/town maintained roadways. Prior agreements between North Carolina Department of Transportation and the cities/towns will determine responsibility for debris removal and repair of these roads.
- F. The Emergency Operations Center will also serve to coordinate with the North Carolina Department of Transportation information about critical areas or needs, for the clearance of debris from roadways, to provide emergency vehicles access.

IV. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. The Catawba County Fleet/Facilities Maintenance Manager will coordinate maintenance activities during emergencies and coordinate with other response forces in the municipalities or North Carolina Department of Transportation.
- B. The Fleet/Facilities Maintenance Manager will maintain direct communication with on-site personnel via the public works radio system or telephone.
- C. When notified of an emergency situation, the Fleet/Facilities Maintenance Manager will determine the county resources to be

committed to disaster response and alert appropriate personnel.

- D. On-site control will be coordinated by the designee of the Fleet/Facilities Maintenance Manager or by the respective municipal public works director as well as the North Carolina County Road Supervisor.

V. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

The line of succession is:

1. Director of Finance
2. Fleet/Facilities Maintenance Manager
3. Facilities Maintenance Supervisor